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REMARKS

Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Applicants have made a diligent effort to place the claims in condition for allowance.

However, should there remain unresolved issues that require adverse action, it is respectfully

requested that the Examiner telephone Applicants' Attorney at the number listed below so that

such issues may be resolved as expeditiously as possible.

For these reasons, and in view of the above amendments, this application is now

considered to be in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully Submitted,

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